

***Priority Sequence for Forestation or Mitigation Off-Site:***

After every reasonable effort has been made to minimize the clearing of trees and other woody plants in on-site priority areas listed in Subsection 1-21-40B, and after every reasonable effort has been made to afforest or reforest priority areas listed in Subsection 1-21-40C, the following shall be considered the priority sequence for forestation or mitigation off-site:

(1) Purchase of credits through the Frederick County Forest Banking Program;

(2) Forestation of hydrologically-sensitive areas, preferably in agriculturally zoned or used land;

(3) Protection of existing off-site forest at a 1:2.5 ratio, as provided in Subsection G of this Section, in areas closely associated with streams, wetlands, or floodplains, preferably in agriculturally zoned or used land; and

(4) Payment into the Fee-in-Lieu Program.